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THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS BASIC TASKS

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## LECTURE OUTLINE

### THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS BASIC TASKS

#### I. "Party is a party and a government is a government."

It is claimed that we are interfering in your internal affairs. You say: "We do not like the things you do, we cannot tolerate the things you do, and therefore we interfere in your affairs." But we do not ask you why you interfere -- that we know -- we are telling you that you are interfering in our internal affairs and that you should not dare to interfere in those affairs. By your long speech you have only proved that you really are interfering and wish to interfere in the affairs of other states. But we must warn you that we shall not permit you to interfere in our affairs no matter how much you want to do so. But, I repeat -- you want to interfere and are trying to interfere in our internal affairs. And this we have proved in full.

Of course you have to drag in all sorts of fables -- first the Comintern, and then when the Comintern was dissolved, the Cominform. Now you have brought in the Soviet government, apparently having no grasp at all of the fact that the late A.A. Zhdanov was a secretary of the Central Committee of the Party. You make a gross mistake when you confuse governments with parties. A party is a party and a government is a government.

When you act as a government, when you pass laws which are incompatible with the elementary norms of international law, incompatible with normal relations with other states, then the question arises of the responsibility which the government conducting itself in this manner bears for these actions.

Of course, we can in no event condemn the activity of the Comintern or the Communist Parties in other countries; we are Communists ourselves. But that is one thing, and the activity of a government is something else. It is something else to pass laws directed against other governments, laws aimed at interfering in the internal affairs of other states. Such laws are nothing more than aggression.

But has Mr. Mansfield said a single word to the effect that the law of October 10 is not directed against the Soviet system, the Soviet state, the Soviet government? No, instead of that he has merely said that 15 years ago the USSR itself allegedly made some kind of a violation of the 1933 agreement and that the American government protested it at that time. Again Mansfield has side-stepped the main question. He has acted according to the rule of the man who replies to an accusation: "You have done the same sort of thing yourself, you're another!" This is the essence of the reply from the representative of the United States!

On the Aggressive Actions and Interference by the United States of America in the Internal Affairs of other Countries

Speech by A. Ya. Vyshinsky in the Political Committee of the United Nations on December 19, 1951  
(New Times - #2, 9 Jan 1952, pg 7; "Pravda" 21 Dec. 1951)

II. Party and Its Tasks in Foreign Policy

The tasks of the Party in foreign policy are:

1. to utilize each and every contradiction and conflict among the surrounding capitalist groups and governments for the purpose of disintegrating imperialism;
2. to spare no pains or means to render assistance to the proletarian revolution in the West;
3. to take all necessary measures to strengthen the national liberation movements in the East;
4. to strengthen the Red Army.

J.V. Stalin, "The Party after Seizure of Power,"  
Pravda, August 26, 1921  
Sochineniya, Vol V., page 111 (1947)

III. The Party and its Directing Instructions

The directing instructions of the Party determine the whole activity of the Soviets and the apparatus of state power. The Party provides the most important and basic thing, the policy and the direction of the work. The Party sees to it that the decisions of Soviet agencies are finally carried out in practice.

Leninskiye Znaniya, July 16, 1949

IV. The Party and its "Shock-Brigades"

"Our Party cannot be indebted to FRATERNAL PARTIES, and it must in its turn RENDER THEM SUPPORT and also SUPPORT THEIR PEOPLES in their STRUGGLE for LIBERATION, in their STRUGGLE FOR PRESERVATION OF PEACE.

"The SOVIET PARTY was christened by fraternal parties the 'SHOCK BRIGADE of the WORLD REVOLUTIONARY AND WORKERS' MOVEMENT' after the 1917 Revolution.

By this means they expressed the hope that the success of the 'shock brigade' will alleviate the position of the people languishing under the oppression of capitalism. The Soviet Party has justified these hopes, especially during the Second World War, however, fulfillment of this 'honorable role' was the only one... NOW THE SITUATION IS DIFFERENT. Since the new 'SHOCK BRIGADES' have APPEARED in the form of POPULAR DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES (PEOPLES' DEMOCRACIES) it has BECOME EASIER for OUR PARTY TO STRUGGLE, and work has become more joyful!"

J.V. Stalin (at the XIXth Congress of the CPSU  
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